requirements and is periodically reviewed by the State and Central Governments, and the security agencies. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground.

Reduction of Para-military forces in J and K valley

†3718. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to curtail the deployment of para-military forces in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of terrorist attacks during last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There have been demands and reports from various sources, from time to time, about reduction of the level of security force deployment in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to examine the overall situation and security forces deployment in the light of the approach of the Government as stated above and to determine whether there is need to relocate and reconfigure the existing security forces deployment.

(c) 576 incidents of terrorist attacks took place during October, 2006 to March, 2007.

Citizenship to residents of Pakistani origin settled in Kerala

3719. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are residents with Pakistan Origin/Citizenship who settled in Kerala;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of such residents, as on date;

(c) whether Competent Authority has initiated steps to grant Citizenship to the above residents;

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the number of Citizenship of India granted during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

(e) whether steps would be taken to grant citizenship to all such residents;

(f) if so, the details of steps taken or to be taken; and

(g) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (g) There are 363 Pakistan nationals of Indian origin staying on long term visa in Kerala.

Indian citizenship is granted to the persons of Indian origin, which may also include Pakistan nationals, as per the provisions of Section 5 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and the Rules made thereunder.

There is no centralized data being maintained regarding state-wise details of Indian citizenship granted. However, the number of Pakistan nationals residing in different parts of the country who have been granted Indian citizenship during the last three years is as under:

Year	No. of persons granted Indian citizenship
2004	799
2005	844
2006	629
TOTAL:	2272

This figure does not include the number of Indian citizenships granted to the Pakistan nationals by the State Government of Rajasthan and Gujarat under the powers delegated to them.